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for any other purpose must be submitted in writing and must contain the following information:

(1) The name and address of the person(s) making the request.

(2) A description of the proposed use, including any handling and processing that the phosphogypsum will undergo.

(3) The location of each facility, including suite and/or building number, street, city, county, state, and zip code, where any use, handling, or processing of the phosphogypsum will take place.

(4) The mailing address of each facility where any use, handling, or processing of the phosphogypsum will take place, if different from paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(5) The quantity of phosphogypsum to be used by each facility.

(6) The average concentration of radium-226 in the phosphogypsum to be used.

(7) A description of any measures which will be taken to prevent the uncontrolled release of phosphogypsum into the environment.

(8) An estimate of the maximum individual risk, risk distribution, and incidence associated with the proposed use, including the ultimate disposition of the phosphogypsum or any product in which the phosphogypsum is incorporated.

(9) A description of the intended disposition of any unused phosphogypsum.

(10) Each request shall be signed and dated by a corporate officer or public official in charge of the facility.

(c) The Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation may decide to grant a request that EPA approve distribution and/or use of phosphogypsum if he determines that the proposed distribution and/or use is at least as protective of public health, in both the short term and the long term, as disposal of phosphogypsum in a stack or a mine.

(d) If the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation decides to grant a request that EPA approve distribution and/or use of phosphogypsum for a specified purpose, each of the following requirements shall be satisfied:

(1) The owner or operator of the stack from which the phosphogypsum is removed shall determine annually the average radium-226 concentration

at the location in the stack from which the phosphogypsum will be removed, as provided by § 61.207.

(2) All phosphogypsum distributed in commerce by the owner or operator of a phosphogypsum stack, or by a distributor, retailer, or reseller, or purchased by the end-user, shall be accompanied at all times by certification documents which conform to the requirements § 61.208.

(3) The end-user of the phosphogypsum shall maintain records which conform to the requirements of § 61.209(c).

(e) If the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation decides to grant a request that EPA approve distribution and/or use of phosphogypsum for a specified purpose, the Assistant Administrator may decide to impose additional terms or conditions governing such distribution or use. In appropriate circumstances, the Assistant Administrator may also decide to waive or modify the recordkeeping requirements established by § 61.209(c).

§ 61.207 Radium-226 sampling and measurement procedures.

(a) Before removing phosphogypsum from a stack for distribution in commerce pursuant to § 61.204, or § 61.206, the owner or operator of a phosphogypsum stack shall measure the average radium-226 concentration at the location in the stack from which phosphogypsum will be removed. Measurements shall be performed for each such location prior to the initial distribution in commerce of phosphogypsum removed from that location and at least once during each calendar year while distribution of phosphogypsum removed from the location continues.

(1) A minimum of 30 phosphogypsum samples shall be taken at regularly spaced intervals across the surface of the location on the stack from which the phosphogypsum will be removed. Let n_i represent the number of samples taken.

(2) Measure the radium-226 concentration of each of the n_i samples in accordance with the analytical procedures described in 40 CFR part 61, appendix B, Method 114.

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(3) Calculate the mean, \bar{x}_1 , and the standard deviation, s_1 , of the n_1 radium-226 concentrations:

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} x_i}{n_1},$$

$$s_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (x_i - \bar{x}_1)^2}{n_1 - 1}},$$

Where x_1 and s_1 are expressed in pCi/g.

(4) Calculate the 95th percentile for the distribution, x^* , using the following equation:

$$\bar{x}^* = \bar{x}_1 + 1.64 \left(\frac{s_1}{\sqrt{n_1}} \right),$$

Where x^* is expressed in pCi/g.

(5) If the purpose for removing phosphogypsum from a stack is for distribution to commerce pursuant to § 61.206, the owner or operator of a phosphogypsum stack shall report the mean, standard deviation, 95th percentile and sample size. If the purpose for removing phosphogypsum from a stack is for distribution to commerce pursuant to § 61.204, the additional sampling procedures set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section shall apply.

(b) Based on the values for x_1 and x^* calculated in paragraphs (a)(3) and (4) of this section, determine which of the following conditions will be met: -

(1) If $x_1 < 10$ pCi/g and $x^* \leq 10$ pCi/g; phosphogypsum may be removed from this area of the stack for distribution in commerce pursuant to § 61.204.

(2) If $x_1 < 10$ pCi/g and $x^* > 10$ pCi/g, the owner or operator may elect to follow the procedures for further sampling set forth in paragraph (c) of this section: -

(3) If $x_1 \geq 10$ pCi/g; phosphogypsum shall not be removed from this area of the stack for distribution in commerce pursuant to § 61.204.

(c) If the owner or operator elects to conduct further sampling to determine

if phosphogypsum can be removed from this area of the stack, the following procedure shall apply. The objective of the following procedure is to demonstrate, with a 95% probability, that the phosphogypsum from this area of the stack has a radium-226 concentration no greater than 10 pCi/g. The procedure is iterative, the sample size may have to be increased more than one time; otherwise the phosphogypsum cannot be removed from this area of the stack for distribution to commerce pursuant to § 61.204.

(1)(i) Solve the following equation for the total number of samples required:

$$n_2 = \left(\frac{1.64s_1}{10 - \bar{x}_1} \right)^2.$$

(ii) The sample size n_2 shall be rounded upwards to the next whole number. The number of additional samples needed is $n_A = n_2 - n_1$.

(2) Obtain the necessary number of additional samples, n_A , which shall also be taken at regularly spaced intervals across the surface of the location on the stack from which phosphogypsum will be removed.

(3) Measure the radium-226 concentration of each of the n_A additional samples in accordance with the analytical procedures described in 40 CFR part 61, appendix B, Method 114.

(4) Recalculate the mean and standard deviation of the entire set of n_2 radium-226 concentrations by joining this set of n_A concentrations with the n_1 concentrations previously measured. Use the formulas in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, substituting the entire set of n_2 samples in place of the n_1 samples called for in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, thereby determining the mean, x_2 , and standard deviation, s_2 , for the entire set of n_2 concentrations.

(5) Repeat the procedure described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, substituting the recalculated mean, x_2 , for x_1 , the recalculated standard deviation, s_2 , for s_1 , and total sample size, n_2 , for n_1 .

(6) Repeat the procedure described in paragraph (b) of this section, substituting the recalculated mean, x_2 for x_1 .

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